

have to rest on the notion that Ameritech would be discriminating against ISPs by not paying CLECs reciprocal compensation. While that claim might reflect the reality that CLECs have procured the business of ISPs by offering them cut-rate deals that have been financed through reciprocal compensation subsidies paid by ILECs, there is no legal basis upon which an ISP could assert a discrimination claim in such context.

IV. CONCLUSION

For the reasons discussed above and in Ameritech's Comments, the Commission should hold that traffic received by ISPs - in particular, Internet traffic - is access traffic that, for the most part, is jurisdictionally interstate. Such a ruling is mandated by law and consistent with sound public policy.

Respectfully Submitted,



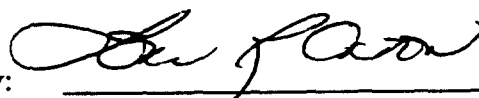
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